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FOR PRESIDENT,

JAMES A. GARFIELD,

of Ohio.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

CHESTER A. ARTHUR,

of New York.

A MYSTERY.

One of the mysteries of the working of

the human mind is to be found in the

muddle some people have wrought themselves

into in relation to the moral nature of the

late rebellion. It is really a marvel, a

curiosity, a strange reversal of reasoning and

conclusions by which the acts that were de-

nounced as the vilest treason and the high-

est crime a person could commit have come

to be regarded as nothing but a mild un-

pleasantness, which to remember and speak

of in terms of censure is in itself criminal.

There are many crimes far inferior in their

effects as compared with treason which are

never overlooked, apologized for or con-

doned. According to Mr. TILDEN and

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, fraud is a crime

heavier, no, never, to be condoned while the

world stands. According to the New York

Sun, the charge of having taken a lawyer's

fee under circumstances of bare suspicion

should be followed by the lash of scorpions

year in and year out forever, and every body

that does not take the same view of the

transaction becomes a partner in the guilt

and an enemy of the cause of righteousness

and truth.

But the gentlemen who led a whole people

to rise and attempt the destruction of our

country, the gentlemen who perjured their

souls in plotting for the overthrow of the

constitution they had solemnly sworn to

defend; gentlemen who stole for, and

ships, and millions of war material, and

saddled the labor of generations with debt,

deprivation and poverty; gentle beings who

shot, and maimed, and murdered the flower

of the youth of a great nation and a peace-

loving people, sending mourning into every

family and desolation into every heart, are

not only to be forgiven for their, perjury,

murder and treason, but, according to these

authorities, it is more than impolite to speak

of it and to urge it as a disqualification for

office while still unpunished is in itself

an offense and a disqualification.

The history of the world furnishes no in-

stance of a like character. Our statesmen,

editors and teachers, who are standing thus

on their heads and viewing everything upside

down, to this day pursue old DENNETT

ARNOLD with a fury that knows no cessation

for a reason of the mildest form compared

with the hell let loose by DAVIS, LEE and

the confederate brigadiers now holding the

reins of power in congress and guiding

the policy of the democratic party, and

with them the treason of DAVIS is treated

as of less importance than the attempt of the

visiting statesman to settle an election

dispute peacefully and according to the cus-

toms and laws of the land. This is so, and

every column of every democratic news-

paper furnishes abundant proof of what we

are saying.

And what is to be the outcome of this

topsy-turvy, inconsistent, illogical and mys-

terious muddle? We hardly know. There are

some evidences that the evil is deeper

than has been imagined, and its extent is

son with DAVIS, YANKEE, WISE, TOOMBS and BARKSDALE, working together as brothers and believing in the heresy of state rights as expounded by JOHN C. CALHOUN and which culminated in treason. Of course these northern democrats and their followers sympathized with their southern fellow-heretics. They could not help it; but the storm which broke upon them when DAVIS & Co. began to act out their doctrine sealed the northern conspirators into their holes, and they stayed there during the war. But they are out now and have resumed their old relations with the rebels and are playing the old game under HANCOCK as a tool. They must be sent to their holes again.

SECTIONALISM.

Catching coals with the bare hands is regarded as a very slippery and uncertain business, as most of us know from boyhood experience, but we are constrained to say that we have no recollection of having anything quite so slippery, quivering and uncertain to handle as the Lynchburg Virginia in its discussion of the question of sectionalism. The main point at issue between us is—who is responsible for the sectionalism of to-day and by what methods and processes the south has been made "solid" for the democratic party, while there can be no reasonable doubt that at least five of the solid democratic states have large republican majorities under a free ballot, an honest election and a fair count. The methods by which these states have been transformed into solid democratic commonwealths are recorded on the page of history, and yet the Virginia ignores them as steadily as if they had no existence. With us it is a matter of no moment whether carpet-baggers, scoundrels or native scoundrels hold the offices there, but it is a matter of grave consequence that every citizen in the south shall be permitted to exercise all his constitutional and legal rights without interference or molestation. On this point we disagree if our inferences are correct, for as yet we have to learn of a single instance in which the Virginia has ever rebuked the atrocious methods that have been resorted to to crush out the republican vote of that section. It is of this undeniable fact that we complain. If it has ever denounced the lawlessness with which the republican party and its principles have been crushed out we have yet to learn it. It has looked on complacently, if not smilingly, while the south has been rife with murder and assassination for opinion sake. It has seen republicans shot down like hunted wild beasts, it has seen the votes of republicans overwhelmed by ballot-box stuffing or by being counted out falsely, and yet it has had no word of rebuke for these methods of consolidating the south under democratic regime. And now that the work has been accomplished in that way it tacitly approves all that has been done in the way of wrong, fraud, outrage and murder. In that it becomes unreasoning and unbecoming in its discussion of the question.

It seems to make one remark in regard to our proposition that "the rebels were all democrats when they went into the war" to destroy the government, and we do not "expect them to change their nature and 'instincts politically,' which convicts it of a want of candor. It says in reply:

Now, THE REPUBLICAN should have known that its statement was not correct. General Lee, Johnston, Early, Haxson and many of the military leaders were whigs. WILLIAM C. RIVES, BEN HILL, A. B. BOYLER and many other southern statesmen of that day were whigs. Tens of thousands of the southern people who went with their section on that issue had been life-long whigs.

The Virginia need not be told that the whig party had no national existence when the rebellion ensued. There were but two parties then—the republican and the democratic—and not a single republican, either north or south, raised his hand in rebellion against the union. Lee, JOHNSTON, EARLY and HAMPTON were prominent in a democratic rebellion, and the shroud of a dead party will not shield them from their true political relation and responsibility. These prominent men stepped from the tomb of the whig party into a democratic rebellion, and surviving that, they stepped out of it into the democratic party, where they are now distinguished above union men because they are democrats.

We take no satisfaction in discussing public questions with an adversary which resorts to subterfuges and glides like an eel from one point to another when fairly routed from its positions.

SILVER THE PRESERVER.

The Baltimore American says that the call which has been made from the west for silver dollars to aid the movement of the crops is joyful news to the "silver maniacs." As a friend to the "despised and execrated" "buzzer dollar," we inform the American that, while we would gladly see it in the hands of the people who need it, it is performing its most valuable service to the finance of the country when it lies piled up in the treasury. If the "despised and execrated" coin had fair treatment at the hands of the administration there would not now be any unwieldy accumulation in the vaults, but that accumulation is, nevertheless, an important factor in preserving that which the silver maniacs made possible—the redemption of specie payments. The silver dollar lies at the door of the treasury and prevents a speculation in gold and the consequent depreciation of the greenback. Were the gold maniacs—the brokers of the country—at liberty to demand gold for their greenbacks at the treasury, the fair fabric of redemption, the pride and glory of Mr. SHERMAN's record, would wither in a week. The broker knows that if he could corner a hundred millions of greenbacks—and such a scheme would be as easy of accomplishment to the GOPHUS and KREWEK of Wall street—Mr. SHERMAN would hand him over bags of silver dollars, not the compact gold which he covets. This certainty has prevented and will prevent that raid upon the gold in the treasury which was the dream of Wall street before redemption. The bright silver in the treasury is all that makes a Black Friday on Wall street impossible.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED

the people of the west how to get silver dollars. The expense to the applicant is small and the methods are simple. So far, so good. But why will not Mr. SHERMAN supply the demands of the west by paying

employees, soldiers and contractors in silver dollars and fractional silver? By that means the coins would get naturally, easily and inexpensively into circulation in the very communities needing them.

ADAMS AND ENGLISH.

When Brooks of South Carolina made a deadly assault upon CHARLES SUMNER, which aroused the indignation of the whole civilized portion of the country, and propositions were made in the house of which Brooks was a member to expel him therefrom, Mr. WILLIAM H. ENGLISH moved an amendment as follows:

That this house hereby declares its disapprobation of the assault made by the Hon. PHILIP S. BROOKS upon the Hon. CHARLES SUMNER in the senate of the United States on the 23rd day of May, and that the house deems this a fit occasion to express its disapprobation of the use of language in debate of a character personally offensive to individual members of congress or to any of the states of the union.

Ayes, 35, including ENGLISH; noes, 174. This was to say that in the judgment of WILLIAM H. ENGLISH a speech arraigning slavery and a murderous assault upon a United States senator were offenses of the same grade, and in conformity to that view Mr. ENGLISH—his amendment being overwhelmingly rejected—voted not to expel Mr. BROOKS, choosing to retain him as a fit associate and companion. Now, Mr. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, the friend of SUMNER, proposes to vote for Mr. ENGLISH for the second office in the gift of the people because the grand high court to which was referred a disputed election in 1876 decided against the claimant that Mr. ADAMS voted for it. It is pitiable to see a great family like the ADAMSSES play out in such a contemptible manner, and enough to make old JOHN QUINCY materialize and redouble his scathing speech against the murderers who came to the house with their hands dripping with the blood of a fellow-member.

"A YELL nine hours long" is the terse description of a Baltimore newboys' excursion.

THE Burlington Hawkeye is making it hot for HOLLOWAY, the democratic candidate for congress in the tenth Illinois district. HOLLOWAY has been obliged to admit that he was an active member of the "Sons of Liberty," a secret treasonable organization of copperheads, in 1861, of which VALLANDIGHAM of Ohio was a chief.

We have no fear that the frauds in the southern census can be detected. They are bold, but not cunning. They are like the tissue-ballet frauds and the count in Alabama—they are overdone. We expect to prove the fraud attempted and defeat it. We are entirely satisfied that General WALKER will not hold back when the time comes for him to act. We, however, take the liberty to prompt him, and to ask him to turn his official eye on the returns from South Carolina on our first page.

It is an astonishing and painful fact that the pauper class in Great Britain is constantly increasing and has become a cancer in the body politic of a great nation. With all her colonies, the paupers will not leave the British Isles, and the suggestion that they receive too much care and nurture seems capable of proof. There was expended in the maintenance of paupers in the united kingdom in 1873 over \$7,000,000. This was the direct expense, but to this must be added the poor rate, which amounted to more than \$14,000,000. This enormous amount is a tax upon all classes, and the honest toiler has an equal interest with the wealthy peer in the uprooting of this dangerous disease. In no other country except Italy is this class so numerous and so exacting. Even in this country the poor are growing as rapidly as our country does in extent and density. In New York city the charities department expends \$1,000,000 per annum, while every religious denomination supports its exclusive charities by gifts or otherwise. No branch of social science demands conscientious and vigilant study as to relief and decrease as does this of the restoration of this large body of our people to the ranks of producers and promoters of wealth.

POLITICAL NOVELS.

The San Francisco Alta ridicules the idea that any state on the Pacific coast will vote against Garfield and Arthur.

GENERAL STANLEY wrote to the soldiers' reunion in Columbus, Ohio: "The four years of the war were long years to most of us. We can talk over them now. We would go over it all again for the same cause."

The Norristown Herald says that if General Hancock is to carry on that reform which the democrats insist is necessary, he must begin by reforming his own party. A good place to take hold would be the fellows who are stealing penneals for him.

The bankers' convention held at Saratoga on the 11th instant will have an important effect upon the political canvas. The speech of President Mitchell proves that the best business men in the country see no reason for "a change." In financial circles there is a profound distrust of the democratic party.

THE Milwaukee (Wis.) Sentinel predicts that the democratic party will pay for its iniquity in the south with northern votes. The same paper says: "It is the old slaveholder's spirit which virtually disfranchises the blacks. The same immorality which brought and sold them sees nothing wrong in stealing their votes."

We are assured that South Carolina will get rid of Willard as chief justice promptly about September 1. His claim to hold his office for three years longer will be treated as it deserves by the other justices of the supreme court. Willard is the meanness of all the tools used by Huxton in his rage of the governorship of South Carolina, and his exit from office will be welcomed by both parties.

THE New York Herald very unkindly revives sectional issues when it informs the democratic leaders that the proportion of ancient rebels who are democrats to those who are republicans is at least ten to one. Every state which seceded in 1860 and '61 is severely a democratic state in 1880 by the votes of men who, twenty years ago, were secessionists and traitors. It is vain for democrats to wink these facts out of sight.

THE New York Sun is beginning to badger Hancock to write a letter similar to that written by Tilden on southern war claims and southern raids on the treasury generally. The Sun is assured that unless the business men of the north can be made to lose the fear of a raid on Uncle Sam's revenues Garfield will be elected. Well, if Hancock writes the letter he never will be re-nominated in 1884. That letter of Tilden's brought the south up

solid against him at Cincinnati, and if Hancock over expects to try it again he should eschew the Sun's advice.

CONGRESSMAN PELTON of Georgia recently made a speech at Cartersville in that state, in which he said "that government had no right to tax tobacco and whiskey, and when Hancock should be elected and the great democratic party should get the control of government all the revenue on tobacco and whiskey would be wiped out," etc. And this is just what the democracy intend to do if they should get control.

FORNEY frankly acknowledges that he received \$25,000 in his support of the Pacific railway, and didn't think there was any wrong in it. Probably not; but did he receive the entire amount? If our recollection serves us aright another party received eighty per cent. of the \$25,000, handing to the colored remainder of it to Forney's credit that he takes any claim attached to the matter to himself and does not allow another man's memory to be mischieved.

JERRE BLACK has written a "tuffy" sort of a letter, ostensibly to the New York World, but in reality a peculiar bid for a cabinet or foreign mission in the case of the "superb soldier" should happen to secure the so much needed extra forty-seven electoral votes. He would undoubtedly like very much to be Hancock what he was to Buchanan. Mr. Black may be a highly finished lawyer, but the common sense of the American people don't want any more perverted talent in that line.

The Greenville (S. C.) News is worried. In a recent issue it remarks plaintively: "It looks as if a devil of fully possessed the southern people this year. The realists lead off in Virginia with a dangerous and criminal split, the greenback absurdity meets encouragement here and there, and now 350 Georgians, in convention assembled, have failed after five days' work to nominate a governor, the general obstinacy and unwillingness to compromise or yield resulting in the party sending a headless ticket into the political field as an invitation to discord and all manner of political evil."

English, the Champion Doughface.

To the Editor of The National Republican:

SIR: In the house of representatives, May 2, 1880, Mr. W. H. English, who, by the choice of the democratic party, was elected to the honor of presiding over the deliberations of the United States senate as vice-president, delivered a speech, which was a faithful and true exponent of the principles of the democratic party then, and, if delivered at the present day, would undoubtedly be a true exponent of their principles now. The following extracts are given as a warning to colored voters not to be wheedled into the support of their implacable enemies, the democrats. Sincerely, his said:

Republicanism, then, in Massachusetts, would allow a white man to be accused of crime, a negro to be arrested on the affidavit of a negro, by a negro officer, to be presented by a negro lawyer, tried by a jury of negroes, convicted before a negro jury, and executed by a negro executioner. We hold out to the colored people the results of republican theories, and I hold them up to the indignation of my fellow countrymen.

From what I have shown it is fair to presume that such results are not repugnant to republican views, and especially the views of that large number of republican representatives who were sent to congress by the aid of negro votes, but they are exceedingly obnoxious to my constituents. I thank God that my constituents are white freemen, and I glory in the belief that they will never consent to be placed on an equality with the negro. We want nothing to do with them, and have wisely excluded them from coming into the state by constitutional provisions.

We hold out to the colored people the results of republican theories, and I hold them up to the indignation of my fellow countrymen. In another part of his speech Mr. English says: "Republicans come out flat-footed and proclaim the doctrine of their party that this truth was so plain as to be 'self-evident,' but the democratic party, through Mr. English, pronounces the assertion a self-evident lie. The doctrine of the republicans is that the 'natural and inalienable rights of all men were life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' the democratic party, through Mr. English, sneers at and denounces the sublime truth, and calls it a 'glittering generality.'"

We may only add Heaven help the colored race should the democratic party ever regain the power to pack the judiciary. W. S. C.

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ATTENTION, BOYS IN BLUE!

An authorized meeting of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors will be held at S. G. Sloan's Hall this (SATURDAY) evening at 8 o'clock sharp to perfect organization and elect officers.

By order, H. BROOKS, Secretary.

THEIR WILL BE A MEETING OF THE

Committee of Arrangements for the

Annual Convention of the Grand Old

Army and Navy Association, at the

Hotel Hamilton, New York, on

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16,

at 8 o'clock. The subject of the

convention is the "National

Association of the Grand Old Army and

Navy Association, and the

Chairman General Committee of Arrangements.

ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR!

The Knights of Columbus Commandery, No. 2, R. T. C., who intend joining the Commandery on its

permeation in Chicago, Ill., to attend the twenty-first

annual convention of the Grand Old Army and

Navy Association, of the United States, are hereby

notified to appear at the "National Temple," in full

regalia, on MONDAY, AUGUST 16, at 8 o'clock p. m., and

March thence to the R. & O. N. R. C. Hall.

The members of the R. & O. N. R. C. Commandery, No. 2, R. T. C., are

requested to be prompt, as the

train will leave at 8 o'clock p. m.

By order, H. BROOKS, Secretary.

ATTENTION, MAINE REPUBLICANS!

An adjourned meeting of Maine Republicans will

be held at No. 10, New York street, on SAT-

URDAY, AUGUST 15, at 7 o'clock p. m. A full

attendance is requested, as business of importance

will be transacted.

By order, B. T. HANLEY, Secretary.

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